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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Hatular (U.S. Patent No. 6,184,660). The Examiner has objected to claims 4-6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has allowed claims 7-22. The rejections and objections have been traversed and, as such, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the allowability of claims 1-3.

2. Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Hatular (U.S. Patent No. 6,184,660). The applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection and the reasoning thereof.

Hatular shows in Figures 1A and 1B a device that includes, among other components, a DC-DC converter 24, a 5 V regulator 52, an AC adapter 42, and a battery charger IC 50. When electrical power is provided to the AC adapter 42, it provides electrical energy to the DC-DC converter 24 and to the 5 V regulator 52. The 5 V regulator 52 provides energy to the battery charger 50. The battery charger 50 ceases operation immediately when the AC adapter 42 becomes disconnected from the external source of electrical power. (See column 1, line 50, through column 2, line 2.)

As such, Hatular teaches having a DC-DC converter for converting the voltage produced by the AC adapter 42 into a supply voltage, a 5 V regulator 52 for converting the voltage produced by the AC adapter 42 into a 5 V voltage, and a battery charger IC 50 that is powered by the 5 V regulator 52. Thus, Hatular is teaching three devices to produce supply voltages and to provide battery charging. In contrast, the apparatus of claim 1 includes a converter that generates an output voltage from a battery when in a battery operated mode and that charges the battery when in a battery charge mode.

Accordingly, the three power elements of Hatular (e.g., the DC-DC converter, the 5 V regulator and the battery charger) do not anticipate the converter of claim 1.

Claims 2 and 3 are dependent upon claim 1 and introduce additional patentable subject matter. The applicant believes that the reasons that distinguish claim 1 over the present rejection are applicable in distinguishing claims 2 and 3 over the same rejection.

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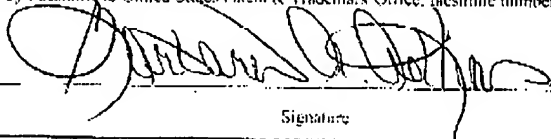
For the foregoing reasons, the applicant believes that claims 1-6 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be passed to allowance.

The Applicant hereby rescinds any disclaimer of claim scope made in the parent application or any predecessor application in relation to the instant application. The Examiner is advised that any such previous disclaimer and the prior art that it was made to avoid, may need to be revisited. Further, the claims in the instant application may be broader than those of a parent application. Moreover, the Examiner should also be advised that any disclaimer made in the instant application should not be read into or against the parent application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present invention.

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